

# Fond du Lac Human Services Division

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Dear OCC Director:

This letter describes how the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA).

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

- 1. Direct Services/Subsidies** Currently, Fond du Lac Reservation has been utilizing CCDF to pay for child care slots for American Indian children and descendants whose parents are essential workers. Fond du Lac Reservation for purposes of the vaccine work subgroup, essential workers based on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce (Guidance on the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce | CISA). Essential workers are identified as health care workers, police officers, emergency responders, school workers, food service workers and other frontline human services staff. The Fond du Lac Emergency Operations Command (EOC) meets regularly about safety and services during the coronavirus pandemic. We were able to continue with child care services with limited slots and we have recently increased child care openings but families are still on a waitlist. With CRRSA funds we would plan to increase more direct services by opening one of our Community Centers to students that recently have returned to school either in-person full time or through hybrid learning.
- 2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices** The CRRSA funds would provide a Manager for After School programming and add specific child care staff and set up sites in the community centers with COVID mitigation strategies in place. We would further use funds to upgrade ventilation systems as needed and build out space for storage for cleaning supplies and overflow of other supplies and equipment needed to maintain the community centers.
- 3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers** At this time we would not need to offer grants or assistance to stabilize child care providers.

**4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic**

The Community Centers (TOC) have not participated in the subsidy system prior to the pandemic. They would be set up for operations with the help of a full-time manager to assist in getting staff in place to open for services. The timeline for this would be the following;

**A:** Meet with the Director of Programs and Community Services Director by March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 agree to a plan for services in the community center sites.

**B:** Present the workplan with a mitigation plans to the FDL EOC and FDL RBC for final approval by April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**C:** Finalize the hire of a Manager and staff by April 30<sup>th</sup>

**D:** Bring children into the community center site on a regular basis beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

**E:** After school services will run through the end of the school year and into July, August for summer programming and will plan to expand further in the Fall.

- 5. Other** The Director of Program and Community Services Director will be meeting soon to discuss options for other use of CRRSA funds to support child care in the community. We are also opening a facility with a child care service on-site, we will also evaluate how we can use CRRSA funds to support this added child care service for this new program.

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/

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